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C O N F I D E N T I A L BISSAU 0120

E.O. 11652: NGDS

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SUBJECT: GUINEA-BISSAU WRAP-UP

1. POLITICAL TRIALS. RAFAEL BARBOSA, ONE OF FOUNDERS OF PAIGC AND INTENDED PRESIDENT OF AN INDEPENDENT GUINEA-BISSAU WENT ON TRAIL OCTOBER 17 IN BISSAU. CHARGES AGAINST BARBOSA HAVE NOT BEEN PUBLISHED BUT AMONG COUNTS AGAINST HIM ARE COMPLICITY IN ASSASSINATION OF AMILCAR CABRAL IN 1973 AND COLLABORATION WITH PIDE OVER COURSE OF SEVERAL YEARS WHICH RESULTED IN DEATH OF A NUMBER OF BAIGC GUERRILLAS. BARBOSA HAS BEEN UNDER ARREST IN BOLAWA SINCE INDEPENDENCE AND IS REPORTED TO HAVE REFUSED A PAIGC OFFER OF EXILE CARRIED TO HIM PERSONALLY BY PRIME MINISTER IN ORDER TO OBTAIN PUBLIC TRIAL. TRIAL IS OPEN TO PUBLIC BUT SMALL COURTROOM CONTAINS ONLY A FEW SCORE OF HUNDREDS WHO FIGHT POLICY AND ARMY DAILY TO GET IN. IN SPITE CHARGES AGAINST HIM, BARBOSA, A BLACK GUINEAN, REMAINS HIGHLY POPULAR WITH THE CROWDS MILLING ABOUT PALACE OF JUSTICE. THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL, PRESIDED OVER BY CEL MEMBER ABDULAI BARI AND COMMISSIONER OF JUSTICE FIDELIS ALMADA CABRAL, CAN IMPOSE DEATH SENTENCE BUT BARBOSA'S  
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POPULARITY REMAINS SO HIGH THAT THIS DEEMED UNLIKELY.

COMMENT: TIMING OF TRIAL TO COINCIDE WITH ABSENCE  
PRESIDENT, ARMY COMMANDER AND OTHER TOP PARTY OFFICIALS  
(NOW IN CUBA) MAY BE ATTEMPT PUT DISTANCE BETWEEN TOP  
LEADERSHIP AND THIS UNPOPULAR TRIAL.

2. FORMATION OF GUINEA-BISSAU-USSR FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY.  
SOVIET DELEGATION LED BY SUPREME SOVIET DEPUTY BAGUROV  
OGLI IN BISSAU FOR FIVE DAYS FOR FORMATION NEW FRIENDSHIP  
SOCIETY. PRESIDENT OF SOCIETY IS JULIO DE CARVALHO OF  
CSL AND POLITICAL COMMISSAR OF THE ARMY. VICE PRESIDENTS  
ARE ANA MARIA CABRAL (WIDOW OF AMILCAR CABRAL); FILIUTO  
BARROS (SECGEN OF PRESIDENCY); CANDIDO MONTEIRO (DIVISION  
CHIEF IN FOREIGN MINISTRY); AND TEODORA INACIA GOMES.  
OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY ARE DOMINGOS  
BRITO (CSL AND SEC GEN COMMISSARIAT OF EDUCATION) - PRESIDENT;  
FRANCISCA PEREIRA (CSL AND PRESIDENT OF BOLAWA STATE  
COMMITTEE) - VICE PRESIDENT; AND JOSEPH TURPIN (CSL AND  
SECGEN MOFA) - SECRETARY.

3. RELATIONS WITH GUINEA-CONAKRY. AS RESULT GB-GUINEA-  
CONAKRY DISCUSSIONS IN BISSAU LAST MONTH DURING CELEBRATIONS  
OF PAIGC 20TH ANNIVERSARY, DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO  
REOPEN CONAKRY'S EMBASSY IN BISSAU. CONAKRY APPARENTLY  
INSISTED ON BETTER QUARTERS THAN THEY HAD BEEN OFFERED  
BEFORE AND THE GOGB HAS DECIDED GIVE THEM BUILDING CURRENTLY  
BEING USED AS PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AS CHANCELLERY AND  
TO EVICT AN "HAUT FONCTIONNAIRE" FROM HIS HOUSE TO  
PROVIDE A PROPER RESIDENCE. AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REQUESTED  
FOR NEW AMBASSADOR AS GOGB WAS UNWILLING TO ACCEPT  
RETURN OF CURRENTLY ACCREDITED AMBASSADOR. GOGB'S  
ACCOMMODATING ATTITUDE COMES IN WAKE OF ITS REFUSAL TO  
ACCEDE TO CONAKRY'S REQUEST TO SEND BACK THE CONSIDERABLE  
NUMBER OF FOULAHS WHO HAVE ENTERED GUINEA-BISSAU AND  
CONCENTRATED IN THE AREA OF GEBU SINCE LAST DECEMBER.  
GOGV DOES NOT PERMIT HOWEVER ANY ANTI-SEKOU TOURE  
ACTIVITY AMONG THESE PEOPLE.  
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